

A Legend Concerning Its Origin

[Letter from Gilbert Island (Pacific) to the Detroit Tribune.]

Once on a time, before I was listed, when the sea was the flesh pot, etc., of the original Islander, a daughter-in-law against the family law by her son's wives become wives of the old man. The father also was denied; then took to heart and starved himself.

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word was verified by a new tree, a cocoanut that became fruitful. The young man persuaded his father, but the woman persuaded him to gather and eat nuts.

When he saw the almost human eyes and mouth he said, "I am afraid," but she said, "I was not afraid in life, and ain't now," and told him the truth about it.

Is this a new tradition of A Gilbrete Eve? It certainly is a Gilbrete never before made public, at some points worth the attention curious.

Seven years, oftener ten must elapse between planting

"Who plants a cocconut ore never live to eat its fruit," has stititious power that restrained a desire for long life from plant a fatal tree. But in the Gilberts men have no such fear. The is their faithful father and mother long green leaves seldom less twelve feet, often twenty from point, when the midrib is divided the segments braided, make fl

tough midribs, with the palm-leaf sheaths attached make the largest shield, and when stripped the fishing rods and fencing lumina even flooring rods and joists, of narrow leaflets tied in a long, shaped torch, illuminate the boat without stars, and the black water where fishermen scoop up bazaar fish with wings eighteen inches

erl curved gives strong mat-
twin, cord, and rope, be it a
line, a main sail halliard, a ca-
ser or a shark rope. The she-
nut makes a hot charcoal, use-
for any charcoal purpose. The
God's gift to a thirsty land, w-
rains fall eight months out of
and the springs of water are
There are two milks to a cocoa-
the natural water, the other

meat and immediately subject to
snowy flakes to violent compres-
sion. The lacteous fluid can hardly
be drawn from new milk, and answers
no purpose in tea and coffee. C
meat when young is soft li
tender as cream, and delicious
lard eaten with a silver spoon.
hard it cuts, the boys know h
tough cheese. The Gilbert h
have no better bread, and with

cocunut are perfectly happy. Nut oil is produced by scraping nut into small shavings, exposing to the hot sun until the rancid gins to stew out, and then sufragment mass to heavy pressure. coconut oil is worth about ten gallon to the producer. One common nuts will make a gallon coconut oil. When bought for 300 or 400 ripe nuts go for a

So far from having exhausted use of this wonderful tree, the indispensable to the Gilbert Islands has not been mentioned—sap. I could not see the Islanders would leave these coral atolls desolate for want of food, and they have few own the trees, and they have few own the nuts. The ancient law that protects the property rights of the natives permits the poor to take what they need, but the rich man's slave to cut sap on the rich man's tree.

stands on the tree like an unhusked
of corn, swathed tightly and un-
and cut off. It is drunk when fr-
sweet, and will sustain life and s-
unaided. It is also drunk wh-
and fermented, and then co-
toddy is as vile and cursed a d-
ever made a riot or committed a
en murder. Only eighty murder-
attributed to this intoxicating e-
seven islands during the first six

Cocoanaut differ in shape, size, flavor, as do apples, as do pears, peaches. I brought to the Hawaiian Museum in Honolulu fourteen cocoanauts ranging from crabs to sweets. They follow two typical oval and circular. The smallest oval is as large as a man's foot

larger than a dove's egg. From the smallest they ascend to those that are nine inches in diameter. They produce small nuts reproduced by the mammoth nuts of Samoa. The Marquesas are parents of the huge nuts on Ebon. The nuts are in flavor. Some are moderately to drink, others delicious; while some are quite brackish. Each tree has its own type. Only one thing

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nuts with an edible husk. When
green every part is chewed and
When the husk becomes tough

The Turks were reported badly on the right bank of the Morava; bridges were reported destroyed; their army in full flight.